

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM MANY STATES

Important News Gathered from Abroad for the Benefit of Our Readers.

A large tobacco barn belonging to John C. McDaniel was burned in Montgomery County. Mr. Daniel does not attribute the fire to night riders.

Independent tobacco growers of Bath county have employed guards to protect their tobacco barns at night, fearing that the buildings will be burned.

Rev. J. G. Dover, Secretary of the Methodist Ministers' Meeting and pastor of the Tower Methodist church, Dayton, Ky., has been banished from the eldership of Ashland district to a small church in Somerset because he smoked a cigar.

R. W. Meadows brought in a freak pig the other day which is quite a curiosity. It was one of a litter found by a sow belonging to his son, Jas. Meadows. It has eight legs, two tails, four ears, one head and two eyes. It was alive at birth. Dr. A. S. Robertson put it in a jar of alcohol and it can be seen at the People's Bank—Fleming Times-Democrat.

The Winchester Democrat thus reports their county court day market: About 200 cattle on the market some of which were left unsold; most of these were sold by the head which makes quotations difficult. The best sales of the day was \$4.50 which was paid for some good 1,200 pound cattle; lighter and plainer stuff sold for \$2.75 to \$3.25. Some heifers brought 2 1/2 cents to 3 1/2 cents.

Cadiz, Ky., Feb. 1.—W. H. McRidley, colored, of this place, is a candidate for delegate from the State-at-large to the National Republican Convention this summer. He is the owner and editor of the Cadiz Informer, of this place; pastor of the Baptist church, colored, principal of the Cadiz Normal and Theological College, a colored institution here; a lawyer and Notary Public. He was a delegate from the first congressional district in 1900 to the Republican National Convention at Philadelphia.

Bowling Green, Ky., Feb. 1.—A shocking tragedy occurred here this afternoon at 2 o'clock, when, according to the finding of the Coroner, Earl Stroud, an eighteen-year-old boy, is said to have killed his brother, Arthur S. Stroud, aged 21 years. He is charged with cutting his brother's throat severing the jugular vein. Death resulted in a short while.

Earl claims that three men came along in a buggy and ran into him and his brother in a spring wagon, and one of these men, whose name is known to him, cut his brother. An eyewitness, however, swore before the Coroner's jury that the two brothers were fighting when Earl cut Arthur.

Paducah, Ky., Jan. 31.—As the result of the recent raid of night riders in Dawson Springs, Ky., a house was allowed to burn down in the town without a hand being turned to save it. It is customary to give an alarm of fire by firing a pistol, but that is also the customary way for the night riders to notify the citizens of their presence and desire for everybody to stay indoors. So when the night watchman fired off his pistol several times in rapid succession to arouse the volunteer fire department and such other citizens as would turn out and lend a hand his efforts had directly the opposite effect, and not only did the volunteers remain abed, but pedestrians skurried to the nearest doorway, and a fine residence burned to the ground, while citizens lay trembling in their beds, anxiously awaiting the dawn when they could learn what the night riders had done.

A spirited debate took place in the House over the motion to recommit the County Unit Bill to the Committee on Statutes. Some of the friends of the bill said the motion was made for the purpose of killing the measure. This was indignantly denied by Representatives Arnett and Dowling, of the Committee on Statutes, who warmly resented the imputation that their committee was loaded. In turn they charged that the Committee on Public Morals had taken snap judgment in reporting the bill the way after it was introduced. The bill was finally sent back to the Committee on Public Morals. The General Assembly adjourned until Tuesday, but the few members in Frankfort during the recess will meet each day and take a formal ballot for Senator.

Standing about two and one-half miles from the little village of Crab Orchard, Lincoln county, is the oldest residence in Kentucky. It is a

built by Col. Wm. Whitney in 1733, when Col. Whitney was an associate of Boone, Kenton, Morris and Clarke. The material came from Virginia, brought across the Overland Trail in wagons. The old mansion is ornamented with strange carvings. It is two and one-half stories high, and stands on top of Sportsman Hill. As a safeguard against Indians the windows are seven feet from the ground, the doors are two oak layers in thickness, and the staircase, of thirteen steps, has a carved eagle on each step representing the original States. The third floor is an old and spacious hall room, and the cellar, dug deep, serves as a refuge from attacking Indians.

An important bill will be introduced this session, will be the one providing a new method of holding State primary elections. It will provide that both political parties must nominate all candidates for State offices on the same day and that day shall be a general registration day, that the registration shall be extended so that every voter in city and county must register, and the registration officers must also serve as primary election officers, thus saving the expense of three sets of officers. The bill further provides that the State shall pay the expense of holding the primaries, thus giving a poor man a chance to make a race without borrowing money to put up as his entrance fee. The State now pays the expense of registration in the cities, and it is contended that the additional expense would not be great enough to offset the merit of such a bill.

The Presidential fight is on all over Kentucky, and the Taft managers stated today that Judge Taft is developing surprising strength in Western Kentucky, and promises to come to the State convention almost as strong as in the Eastern part of the State.

Kentucky has three Republican Congressmen, all for Taft in Eastern Kentucky, and only one Republican Congressman, also for Taft, in Western Kentucky.

The certainty that Congressmen Edwards, Bennett and Langley will carry Eastern Kentucky, coupled with the fact that E. T. Franks and Geo. W. Long, the two most active Fairbanks men in the State, reside in Western Kentucky, caused some fear among the Taft men that the odds would be too strong for Congressman James in that portion of the State.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 30.—The improvement of the school system of Kentucky and the betterment of the Kentucky State College and the two normal schools is to be the keynote of the present session of the legislature. At a public meeting held to consider the needs of State College and the normal schools, and the plans were laid for a great university, to be located at Lexington. Prof. J. K. Patterson, president of State College, and others addressed a joint meeting of the Senate and House Committees on Education in the Senate chamber. A large audience was present and every person there was interested in the cause of education.

A bill has been introduced appropriating \$200,000 for State College, and Prof. Patterson, in his talk tonight, said that this amount is great, needed to make the school the university that is the aim of those interested in the college.

Mr. N. D. Harris, who lives near Price's Mill and who was born in Franklin 72 years ago, can lay claim to a family record that very few, if any, can duplicate. He is the father of seven children, has 32 grand children and three great grandchildren, all of whom with one exception live within hearing of his farm bell. Any evening after supper Mr. Harris can pay a social visit to his numerous progeny, spend a few minutes with each and return to his home in time for an early retirement.

Speaking of his life while in the favorite office last Thursday, Mr. Harris said: "I have now lived longer than any other member of my immediate family, and am yet in splendid health. It is a great comfort to me to have my children and grandchildren settled around me, and I hope to be spared many years yet, for I have found the world a pleasant place to live in.—Franklin Favorite."

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Jesus and the Woman of Samaria

Sunday School Lesson for Feb. 9, 1903

Specialty Prepared for This Paper

LESSON TEXT.—John 4:1-42. Memory verses 21, 24.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink."—John 7:37.

TIME.—Jesus had spent most of the summer and autumn in Judea. The incident at Jacob's well was probably in December, A. D. 27. It was near the close of the first year of Jesus' ministry. John still preaching at Koon, near the Jordan.

PLACE.—Jacob's well, near Sychar, between Samaria and Galilee.

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES.—1. The soul full of thirst (Psa. 42:1-3; Matt. 5:6; 16:26; Rom. 7:22, 24; Psa. 51:10; 63:1-3; Rev. 2:17). 2. Worldly things cannot satisfy the soul's thirst (Jer. 17:13; Isa. 55:2; Psa. 107:34; Eccl. 1:2-14; 1:11; Rom. 7:18-24). 3. The water of eternal life (Psa. 46:4; 42:1; 33:2; Matt. 5:6; John 4:10, 14; 7:37, 38; Isa. 55:1-3, 16-17; 41:17, 18; 44:3, 5; 1:1, 2; Rev. 22:1, 2; Ezek. 47:1, 2).

Comment and Suggestive Thought.

V. 6. "Now Jacob's well was there."

"One of the few sites about which there is no dispute." It is situated in the fork of the two roads that lead to Galilee from this region, one run-northeast to the forks of the Jordan, a few miles south of the lake, the other going to the northwest by way of the southern pass into the plain of Esdraelon directly toward Nazareth. The well is 75 feet deep, but was originally much deeper, as the bottom has been filled up with rubbish. The well is about seven feet six inches in diameter, but the mouth of it is a narrow neck four feet long, and only large enough for a man to pass through with arms uplifted. See Haastings' Bible Dict.

"Near the place where Christ talked with the Samaritan woman now stands a Baptist church, with a regular congregation of a hundred persons."—Jewish Messenger.

"Jesus, therefore, being wearied with his journey." He had probably been walking several hours, as the Orientals were accustomed to start early in the morning, and it was now "about the sixth hour," or noon, according to Jewish reckoning. Josephus (Antiquities) describes Moses as sitting weary by a well at midday. Jesus was weary in his work, not of it.

The wise approach by courteously rising and asking a favor that could easily be granted. The Syriac Coptic implies that Jesus rose and stood to meet politely the standing woman, and this standing was one thing that caused his disciples to marvel. "Give me to drink." Jesus asked for water because he needed it, but he used the request as a means of preparing the way for his teaching. A useless request would have defeated his purpose.

12. "Whoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again." This water satisfies only bodily thirst, and for brief periods—a type of all worldly supplies for the deeper thirst of the soul.

Every person is full of wants, longings, desires, hopes, both of the body and of the soul. There are the thirsts for pleasure, for power, for money, for respect, for love, for knowledge. There are thirsts for the friendship and love of God, for forgiveness, immortality, holiness, happiness, usefulness, heaven, a larger sphere and broader life. The larger the soul the more and greater are its thirsts.

The greatness of any being is measured (1) by the number of his desires and thirsts; (2) by their quality; (3) by their capacity, intensity.

Dead and Living Water.—The old Greeks believed that, before passing to the Elysian Field, all souls could drink from the River Lethe, and forget the sins and sorrows they had experienced in this world. The living water which Christ offers does not enable us to forget our sorrows, but it helps us to bear them. It is not a prelude to a life of ease, but a stimulus for the struggle entailed on all who follow Jesus.

V. 26. Jesus declares to the woman that he is the expected Messiah. "I am he."

True Worship.—(1) God wants all men to worship him, because thus they become like him, near to him. (2) Thus every heart may become hallowed ground. (3) Worship must be spiritual rather than formal. (4) It must be sincere. (5) It is the fruit of love rather than fear. (6) True worship cannot be separated from morality, while formal worship can. (7) Worship is essential to the religious life. (8) Forms and rites are valuable only as they aid the spirit in its worship. (9) It is not necessary to renounce forms (for some form is necessary in public worship), but to fill the forms with the true spirit.

(10) Mr. Matthew Hale found that prayer gave a "fructure of devotion" to all secular employments; that "It was a Christian chemistry, converting those acts which are materially natural and civil into acts truly and formally religious." He discovered in habitual devotion what Herbert calls "the elixir" of life.

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